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**Mount
Lawley**
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Strive for Wisdom

Edition 03, Week 5, 28 February 2018

Dates for the diary

5 March	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	16 March	Class Assembly: Year 2 Room 10
9 March	Faction Swimming Carnival	27 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival

Focus for 2017 – 2019

*Our focus over the next 3 years is to develop a whole school approach to learning, with academic rigour through rich and engaging learning experiences, in conjunction with developing the whole child (with parents as partners), to make our school a school of choice within the community and for every child to be **empowered and reach their full potential**.*

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

What a proud moment it was when our Year 6 students stood up in front of their teachers and peers to nominate for Head Boy and Head Girl last week. Each student spoke eloquently about themselves, their families, their thoughts about the school and their hopes for the coming year. I found myself with a tear or two, particularly as the students talked about who they were as individuals and the role their family played in making them who they are. Some students drew a strong parallel with their home and the school being their “second family”. It reminded me how important it is to focus on developing parents as partners as we walk through this learning journey together.

In the news lately there has been commentary of how schools and staff have become more vulnerable to the violence in society coming inside the school gates. One former Principal turned political commentator stated that many years ago if a child got in trouble at school, you could guarantee they would “get in trouble twice” as the parents backed up teachers one hundred percent. Those days are largely gone and it is sometimes seen as a challenge to have parents as *genuine* partners within a school. The Year 6 speeches however, gave me hope that at our school there is a feeling, backed up by action that we are working together to produce the best outcomes for children. Our incredibly dedicated teaching staff always works tirelessly in developing engaging lessons for each student. They play many roles over the course of a school day depending on your child’s needs. Teachers rely on you to share with them who your child is and to work with them to support your child in the best way possible.

Our Business Plan also refers to parents as partners and how we can provide opportunities for all of you to be involved in the school. We have remarkable parent volunteers who help out in classrooms, the art room, with before school activities and special events. Our school Board and P&C play a large part in connecting parents with what happens within the school on a daily basis. We are working on our communication networks to make it even easier for parents to be ‘kept in the loop’ with school life. As a parent, it’s up to you how involved you would like to be in your child’s school life and it does change over time. We hope you will always feel welcome at our school and communicate with us as to how we can continue to make our school go from good to great!

Congratulations to our wonderful newly elected Head Boy Michael Gambitta, Head Girl Sofia Tassone, Deputy Head Boy Will Singleton and Deputy Head Girl Charlotte Cherry. We are delighted to have these students representing our school this year and look forward to seeing their leadership skills develop and blossom.

See you in the playground!
~Ms Cavelle Monck, Principal



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Principal Coffee and Chat

Please come and join Principal Cavelle Monck in the staffroom this Friday 2 March at 9.30am for “coffee and a chat”. These informal get togethers will happen in Week 5 and 10 of each term (Week 9 in Term 2). This is a great opportunity to meet some new parents, chat about what is going on around the school and to answer any general questions you may have. Everyone is welcome!

K-2 Phonological Awareness

On Wednesday 14 March at 7pm in the covered assembly area, parents from K-2 (and any other interested parents) are invited to a Phonological Awareness workshop. The workshop will predominantly focus on letter and sound articulation (how to say the letters and sounds correctly) in order to help your child at home with early literacy skills. The workshop will also briefly touch on rhyming, syllables and blending sounds. We look forward to seeing you there. Please note: no children are to attend this workshop.

Assembly

Parents and families are invited to attend our whole school assemblies held every fortnight (on even weeks) in the covered assembly area. These assemblies showcase a class as they perform an item and have an opportunity to work on their oral language by speaking in front of an audience. Our assemblies begin with our student leaders welcoming everyone and an acknowledgement to country, followed by the whole school singing the National Anthem, the school song, “Strive for Wisdom”, saying the School Creed and then watching the class item. Honour Certificates are also presented at the assembly and teachers will notify you in advance if your child is to receive one. Ms Monck and Mrs Adam deliver any messages and a class award is presented for the best class audience. The assembly usually concludes around 9.30am. On the ‘odd’ weeks, the students attend an “Admin. assembly”. This is an opportunity for Ms Monck, Mrs Adam and Mrs Martin to deliver any messages and reminders with the student leaders often role-playing key messages we wish the students to focus on and we sing new songs with Miss Walpole. These assemblies only involve the students so parents need not attend. We look forward to seeing you at the next whole school assembly in Week 7.

P&C Class Reps

Thank you to our hardworking P&C who have developed a new initiative this year – the P&C Class Representatives (or reps). This initiative is for each class from K-6 to have two parents who will coordinate any communication from teachers to parents to ensure that everyone receives the same messages, for example, parents may want to have a whole class play date or the teacher may need assistance with the class assembly item or an excursion. The class rep. system will only be as good as the class who works together. If your class doesn't have a class rep. please consider volunteering for the role. If you are a parent, please give your contact details to the class rep. so they can contact you when necessary. We are very keen for this to be a successful initiative and look forward to the teachers and parents in making it so.

Dads and Kids Campout and P&C Executive

Thank you to the P&C for another successful annual “Dad and Kids Camp Out”. A great time was had by all and it was the biggest turn out yet!

Congratulations to the P&C who met last week for their Annual General Meeting. After all positions were declared vacant, our P&C team for this year is:

P&C President: Bradley Farrell
Vice-President: Tiffany Elwood
Treasurer: Neil Brodie

Secretary: Suzie Foreman
P&C Rep (Board): Annaleise Grubisich
S&F Coordinator: Georgina Hurst

The social and fundraising calendar looks to be a beauty and we can't wait to participate in the range of activities the P&C are currently organising for this year.

Drop off and Pick Up in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary

Please note that primary aged siblings are not to drop off or pick up children in Kindergarten or Pre-primary. As a school we have a duty of care to ensure a child's safety and it is important that an adult or a high school age sibling collects from K or PP. Please do not drop Pre-primary students at the Kiss and Drive and allow them to walk to class in the morning. They are far too young and often easily distracted. It's important that our youngest children have a grown up to settle them in to the morning routines. Please make the appropriate arrangements, as we will not be releasing K or PP children to their siblings.

Morning Activities

Morning activities begin at 8am from Monday to Thursday in the covered assembly area and basketball court for those students who need to be dropped off early. On Fridays, there are no activities due to assembly set up and students will be required to sit outside on the basketball courts and chat, rather than participate in activities. On activity days, students are required to stay within the vicinity of the covered assembly area and basketball court and are not to play on the oval or on the play equipment. If you plan to stay with your child outside their classroom, please supervise your child until the bell goes. Your child will be expected to sit near you, not run around (especially on the grey walls outside the junior classrooms) and are not to play in the junior playground. Students who have classes upstairs are expected to remain downstairs with their bags until the 8.30am bell.

Parking

Another reminder about parking around our school. It was very disappointing in Week 2 to have our newsletter go out to parents about parking and then have two emails from surrounding neighbours who were involved in two separate incidents where parents had parked in their driveways and then used foul language when they were asked to find alternative parking. This weighs very heavy on my heart as we are a school community and no one deserves to be treated in this manner. Since Week 2, I have had numerous other complaints from surrounding neighbours about the complete disregard some parents have when picking up or dropping off their child. Once again, I am very limited in what I can do as a school principal, apart from appealing again to your conscience. Please don't park in or across people's driveways, or on their verges. Please don't use foul language if you are asked to move on because you have parked in the wrong place. Please utilise our Kiss and Drive and follow the rules – if your child isn't at Kiss and Drive on time, then you need to loop around in order to keep the traffic flowing. Please don't park in the middle of the road so your child has to run out in to the street to get into the car. Please don't reverse out of people's driveways and go the opposite way to the traffic flow. We need to live in harmony with our neighbours and above all, we need to ensure our children are safe. I implore you again to park at Hamer Park and do the ten-minute walk to school. It's great exercise and beautiful fresh air! We can't do a lot about the lack of parking around our school, but we can decide about the kind of people we want to be when dropping off and picking up our children.

Educational Assessment Australia ICAS

Mount Lawley Primary School will offer the ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based assessment that assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills, for students from Year 3 – Year 6. The assessment is not compulsory and parents can choose for their child to sit the assessment during school time with Mrs Adam. Please click [here](#) for more detailed information and a [payment form](#).

Payment Options

In order to relieve teachers from the task of handling money, this year we are offering a pre-payment option for parents and have also instated a payment drop box in the front office.

To take advantage of the pre-payment option, parents can make an upfront payment via cash, cheque, credit card or direct deposit. The upfront option is a convenience for parents as Excursion and In-School Activity costs can be deducted from this amount as they occur (with parent permission). Our newly designed [Activity Payment Form](#) will be attached to future permission slips and will have the option to choose "Unallocated Credit" as the payment method. Any balance in the student's account at the end of the school year will roll over into the following year. Unallocated credit balances can also be transferred to a sibling, donated to the school, or refunded via EFT when the student leaves the school.

For families who prefer to send their payments in to school as the activities arise, a drop box is available for your convenience in the front office. Please place payments in an envelope and ensure it is clearly labelled with the activity and your child's name. Please send the correct money as change will not be given.

Swimming Training

As part of preparation for the Faction and Interschool Swimming Carnival, Year 4 to 6 students at Mount Lawley Primary School are invited to attend swim training sessions. These sessions will be held at **Bayswater Waves**. Students are required to be in, or passed a minimum of a Stage 6 swimming level to participate in the training program. Sessions will primarily focus on starts and finishes, but include some volume of swimming. Parents will be responsible for transport to and from Bayswater Waves, as well as breakfast for the mornings. Please contact Mr Howard for more information and click [here](#) for a permission slip.

The following students were awarded Honour Certificates at the Friday 23 February assembly. Congratulations to all recipients and a special acknowledgment to Year 5 Room 3 for their class item.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next Class assembly will be held on Friday 2 March at 8.50am. This assembly is an Admin Assembly for Students only.



PP	Mason Barrett	Year 3	Martin Saragih
PP	Natalia von Fonder	Year 3	Rafferty McMahon
PP	Beau Edmunds-Smith	Year 3	Imogen Conway
PP	Olivia Ball	Year 3	Olive Moran
PP	Isla Flynn	Year 4	Kloe Megaw
PP	Dhanvi Patel	Year 4	Ella Nguyen
Year 1	Genevieve Thompson	Year 4	Will Welsh
Year 1	Ezana Tadesse	Year 4	Adele Stegink
Year 1	Penelope Sun-Honmon	Year 5	Jackson Gosciminski
Year 1	Abby Jesen	Year 5	Ashley Farrell
Year 1	Saskia Smith	Year 5	Leila Campbell
Year 1	Koby Huynh	Year 5	Joshua Saragih
Year 2	Elliott Scott	Year 5	Fleix Meechan
Year 2	Charlotte Henderson	Year 6	Aurora Innes
Year 2	James Gambitta	Year 6	Luca De Carolis
Year 2	Scarlett Jobson	Year 6	Zachary Pendragon
Year 3	Ava Valentini	Year 6	Sadikshya Phuljel

Art Room News

It's great to see all the students back after a long holiday and ready to turn on their creative thinking skills.

Do you enjoy art and like to help at school? It is fantastic to have an extra pair of hands in the studio for ALL year levels, especially when there are lots of people needing help painting cutting gluing etc. Sometimes messy but fun!!! If you wish to offer your time for an hour per week it will be greatly appreciated. Please see me in the Art Room or email Jennifer.Downie@education.wa.edu.au for timetable details. A big thankyou to all the parents who have already volunteered to help out during their child's art lesson this term. Pre Primary parents will find a roster outside their classrooms.

Help! - Materials Needed

- Lids, lids and lids, **medium sized** from yoghurt containers or ice-cream containers
- Butter or margarine containers and lids
- Small **200g** yoghurt or cream tubs
- Foam trays - black or white
- **1 litre** cardboard milk cartons or UHT fruit juice or milk boxes
- Cereal boxes not smaller than a Shapes box - flattened please
- TV magazines - glossy from inside the newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard packaging

Please deliver to the Art Room – Thank-you!

Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies 2018

What an amazing line up of candidates we had for 2018. There were 20 this year and all speeches were amazing. It was very difficult for our Year 4s, Year 5s and Year 6s to vote as the speeches were of a high calibre. The staff were proud of all the candidates for their amazing effort for standing up and speaking to a large audience. They should all be proud. To the audience listening, what a respectful audience, a true indication of our school value, "RESPECT."

Kylie from the Electoral Commission set up the polling booths for the students to vote after lunch. It was a mammoth task, but we did it!!!! The votes were taken away to the Commission and the results sent.

Congratulations to the following students:

Head Boy – Michael Gambitta

Head Girl – Sofia Tassone

Deputy Boy – Will Singleton

Deputy Girl – Charlotte Cherry

We are looking forward to a big year with our new student leaders. Welcome aboard!!!



Faction Leaders

Well done to all the courageous Year 6 students who nominated for a leadership role and had to get up and speak in front of their peers. Whether they ended up with a C or VC next to their name, or not, they have shown leadership skills in putting their hands up and being heard. We want this to translate in to all factions creating the strongest, most organised, or best spirited faction. All Year 6 students can demonstrate oodles of initiative and support to our elected leaders, in order to make their faction a force to be reckoned with.

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were elected by their Year 3-6 peers:

Faction	Blue	Gold	Green	Red
Captains	Demi Dal'Pozzo Luca De Carolis	Aurora Innes Jade Formica	Emily Nguyen Owen Bossong	Rosa Dickie Matthew Bassett
Vice Captains	Leah Halberg Xavier Lockwood	Eun Jin Williams Jonah Adamson	Alana Robertson Aiden Helean	Ruby Darroch Aodhan Hannaway



Art and Music Captains

Congratulations to our Art and Music Captains for 2018. Thank you to Mrs Downie and Ms Walpole for nominating these wonderful students. They are going to be fantastic in their new roles.



Art Captains

Sadikshya Phuljel
Alroy Sebastian
Zyakah Hart-Berrick



Music Captains

Sebastian Williams
Indigo Staude

Faction Swimming Carnival: Years 4-6

Please be aware that the [Permission Note](#) and the [Nominations](#) are due by this Friday, 2 March. These can also be accessed via the school website – under *Newsletters and Notes*.

The Swimming Carnival is at Bayswater Waves on FRIDAY 9 MARCH (next week!)

Contacting Mr Howard

If you need to get into contact with Mr Howard, please DO NOT use Class Dojo as a form of communication. He does not check it, only using it to track points for MVP's. Instead you can; see him in person, send an email or send a hand-written note with your child.

P&C Dads and Kids Camp Out 2018

We had a fantastic turnout for the Dads & Kids Camp Out, which was held at the school over the weekend. This was the sixth edition of the Camp Out, and it was again a roaring success. Our final count was 115 adults and more than 180 children, which made it our biggest Camp Out ever!

The gates were officially opened at 4pm on Saturday afternoon. First order of business was finding a good spot and putting up tents, which most managed before nightfall. A few people had forgotten pegs or mallets or other stuff. But in true camping tradition everyone helped each other out. It was great to see. At 6pm everyone got together for a welcome message and safety briefing. Then it was dinner-time, with everyone responsible for their own meal. Barbeque was most popular, followed by genuine camp meals on camp stoves (well done!). Of course, there were a few pizzas delivered, and even some great local fish 'n' chips. Desert was easy: roasted marshmallows. Excellent!

After dinner there were some organised activities including rock-paper-scissors; secret handshakes; listen to Dad; and finally, a treasure hunt. We also saw lots of people making their own fun: skipping, star-gazing, and sometimes just sitting and chatting. Very sweet!

By 9:30 the camp had settled down and soon enough most fell asleep. There were a few cries and some loud snorts, but eventually sleep came. Ahhhhhh. But before we knew it, dawn came, and by 5:30am most were awake. Had we even been to sleep? One thing was certain, we were eager for breakfast. Bacon and eggs rolls hit the spot, before a quick chat for the dads and some play time for the kids. Then it was pack up time. By 10am the site was bare.

Overall, it seemed to be an excellent event. We were really pleased to see families from past Camp Outs, plus some faces and families who attended for the first time. Well done especially to the families from Kindy and Pre-Primary who came for the first time. Overall though, the highlight was seeing Dads, Mums, father-figures and carers having a great time with their kids. Click [here](#) for some photos.

A special vote of thanks goes to the following people:

- James Kelly from Second Avenue IGA, who again supported our event (for the sixth year in a row) with a very generous deal on our super-size breakfast order. James personally gifted us 12 dozen tortillas and 20 litres of fresh-squeezed OJ. Thank you!
- The volunteer Dads from Coolbinia Primary School who came at 6am on Sunday morning to cook our breakfast: Roy, George, Alistair, Matt and Michael. Thank you! We will return the favour when you have your Camp Out later this month (Sunday 25 March).
- Richard Boyle who had a chat with the Dads on Sunday morning. Richard is a volunteer with The Fathering Project and his talk hit the spot. Thank you, Richard!
- Mt Lawley dads: Stephen Stampalia, Brenton Morris, Darren Smith and Ed Mort who helped set up the site, and wheel in the big food order. Thank you!
- Grace Adam for opening and closing the school!
- To the many others who helped out (and set a great example) by pitching in with litter collection and other jobs around camp. Thank you!
- And finally, ... the staff at PMH for stitching up Spencer after his fall ... and the dads at camp who stayed back and packed away the Farrell family kit. Thank you!

Feedback about the event has been really positive. But of course we haven't heard from everyone, so if you have comments you'd like to share, please send us a note: mlpspc@outlook.com.

We look forward to seeing even more people at Camp Out 2019 (pencil in Saturday 23 February)

Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. Families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their school from Coles stores. When the program ends, schools can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school. Please drop your vouchers into the collection boxes in the front office and at the Kindy.

School Banking

Welcome back to School Banking. A friendly reminder that School Banking is every Monday morning (unless it's a public holiday) from 8.15am in the undercover area. If you have any queries relating to school banking, please feel free to speak to one of our friendly School Banking Co-ordinators.

P&C News

Contact List

If you haven't yet added your details to your Class Contact list, please do so by end of the week. See your Class Representative or Teacher if you are unsure.

30th Annual MLPS Progressive Dinner - Saturday 17 March – 7pm



2018 marks the 30th year of the annual progressive dinner! This year promises to be extra special and we encourage all parents to come along and join in the fun! This event has long been the highlight of the social calendar for parents of Mount Lawley Primary and offers a fun way to spend the night with friends and meet new members of the school community. A special invitation is extended to new parents of the school to attend.

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/UBVW>
\$35 per person (includes drink on entry)

The progressive dinner would not be possible without the generosity of hosts making their homes available. If you are able to make your house available to host a course on the night, please contact Georgina on 0423665176 or mlpspc@outlook.com. We would love to have some NEW hosts this year!

Information for Hosts

- You are not required to provide any food – the food is brought to your home by other diners on the afternoon of March 17th.
- You will be entitled to 2 free tickets as a host valued at \$70.
- You will be hosting a group of around 25-30 people. We will try to keep numbers as low as possible – obviously the more hosts we get means less people per circuit.
- You do not need a seated table setting for each diner and it doesn't need to be inside the house, back yards, front yards and court yards are all suitable.
- Extra chairs, cutlery, plates etc can be sourced via the P&C Social and Fundraising committee, if required.
- A couple of P&C Social and Fundraising committee members will be on your circuit on the night and are available to answer any questions in the lead up and they will assist you with clean-up on the night.

Information for Guests

- If you are attending the dinner we ask you to **provide either a soup, main course or dessert which would cater for 10 – 12 adults**. Please list your preferences so if we get too many of one course, we can go on to second choices.
- You will be contacted in the week leading up to the dinner about what course you are cooking and where it should be delivered. You will NOT be dining at the place where you send your food!
- Requests for small groups who wish to be allocated on the same circuit will be considered and wherever possible accommodated.

If you have any queries or would like more details about the night please click [here](#), contact Georgina Hurst on 0423665176 or email mlpspc@outlook.com.

NOVELTY WINE GLASSES: Novelty light up wine glasses for the Progressive Dinner are also on sale which can also be purchased on Try Booking. Place your order for \$10 and they will be available for pick up on the night. The Light Up wine glasses are made from clear plastic. Each glass has three bright LEDs in the base (blue, green and red).

THIS POPULAR SOCIAL FUNCTION IS LIMITED TO PARENTS AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOL.

P&C Facebook Group

A closed facebook group has been created to assist the P&C to communicate with the MLPS community and to help promote parent and community involvement. The group is called Mount Lawley Primary School P&C. Please join to stay abreast of all P&C information and events.

MLPS Faction Swimming Carnival Morning Tea - Friday March 9th @ 10am - If any year 4 to 6 parents attending the faction swimming carnival is able to bring along a plate of food for a teachers & volunteers morning tea please contact Georgina Hurst on 0423665176 or email mlpspc@outlook.com.

Netball 2018 Enrolments

Netball enrolments for the 2018 season are now open. Please click [here](#) for further information.

P&C School Lunches



The P&C are pleased to confirm that the **School Lunch Online** service will continue in 2018 for the benefit of all families, students and staff at the school. You can now register at <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au>, choose from a great list of lunch options and pay online – all without the last-minute morning hassle.

Please ensure your child's year and class has been updated for 2018.

You will need to go to MY ACCOUNT, USER DETAILS and click on EDIT to make the change.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Please note that our school does not endorse nor recommend any product or service that appears in the Community Notices section. This is a service provided for our local community.

Programs

Positive Parenting Program – Free Parenting Seminars

Parents/carers/grandparents are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to strengthen bonds with their teenagers. For further information, please click [here](#)

Looking for a fun and exciting place for your children after school?

The City of Stirling provides quality outside school hours care for Mount Lawley students, offering an exciting, rewarding and fun way to spend time after school. This service is suitable for children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 and is offered from the Inglewood Civic Centre. For more information, contact Children Services on (08) 9205 8569 or visit www.stirling.wa.gov.au/children

Parenting Courses – Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia WA provides relationship support services for individuals, couples, families and communities. For more information on their 2018 Parenting Courses, please click [here](#)

The Football Centre – Soccer Coaching

The Football Centre caters to footballers of all ages and abilities and we pride ourselves on providing a safe and inclusive environment for all players to learn, develop and have fun. Places remain on the program that takes place on Wednesdays on the school oval from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. For further information, click [here](#)

Redhage Basketball School Program

For more information, please click [here](#) or register at www.redhagebasketball.com

Mount Lawley Tennis Club

PLAYTENNIS@Mt Lawley Tennis Club is offering a **FREE** first lesson to new players! Hot Shots tennis programme with accredited tennis coaches offering lessons Monday – Friday after school and Saturday mornings. Start from age 3 +. **For more information, click [here](#) , call Rhys 0401 873 440 or Email rhys@playtennis.com.au**

Learn Mandarin

Located at Mt Lawley Senior High School, Perth Chinese School provides a fun and nurturing environment for children to learn Mandarin. For further information, Contact Dr Hua Li – Principal 0401 686 306 perthmuzi@gmail.com <http://www.perthchineseschool.com>

Nedlands Junior Rugby Union Club

Please visit junior.registrar@nedlandsrugby.com.au for Registration and information about the Open Day on Saturday 3 March.

MOUNT LAWLEY MINI MOSHERS (Kindy and younger)

Launching at Alexander Park Tennis Club, Menora, this term, Rock 'n' Toddle is offering you a FREE trial session this Friday 2 March at 10.00am. Rock n Toddle is an exciting, interactive, educational weekly program which introduces children to the joy of popular music while developing their skills across a multitude of learning areas including the performing arts, music, dance, literacy and numeracy as well as providing the opportunity to socialise, exercise, move, groove and bond with you and their friends (and yours!)

Reserve your ticket now- <https://www.trybooking.com/UMBK>